

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** every year, approximately 70,000 people in the United States die as a result of complications from influenza-related illnesses, with people age 65 and older accounting for as many as 80-90% of these deaths; and

**WHEREAS,** despite the effectiveness and availability of Medicare Part-B covered vaccines, flu and pneumonia remain the fifth leading cause of death among the elderly; and

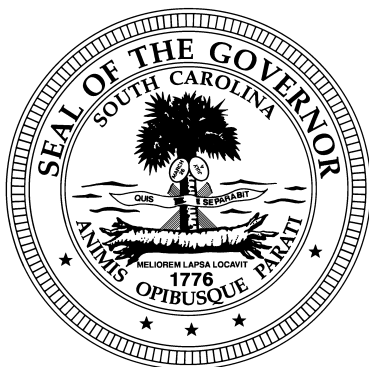
**WHEREAS,** immunization rates for influenza and pneumococcal disease show that these preventive measures are underutilized by Medicare beneficiaries in South Carolina; and

**WHEREAS,** during Senior Vaccination Season, statewide partnerships will be strengthened between health departments, federally qualified health centers, pharmacists, hospitals, and physicians to help increase adult immunization rates in the Palmetto State.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 1, 2004 – March 31, 2005, as

### SENIOR VACCINATION SEASON

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to spread the senior vaccination message throughout their communities

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**